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**Mr M L Shelembe (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans [□326]
[Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in
excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:**

- (1) What are the reasons for the failure of her Department of Military Veterans to finalise the long-awaited subsidised public transport strategy for military veterans;
- (2) whether she has taken any steps to keep military veterans informed of the specified reasons for the delays in finalising the specified strategy; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

REPLY:

(1) The National Department of Transport through the Social Protection and Community Development Cluster is in the process of finalising the National Public Transport Subsidy Policy (NPTSP). The NPTSP is the product of extensive engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders across the country. It is also a product of a critical engagement of the history of public transport including subsidy practices in South Africa. The policy creates a broad framework for addressing the challenges and to positively and proactively shapes the future of transport in South Africa.

The NPTSP aims to contribute to the creation of a sustainable public transport system, and contribute meaningfully to the national drive to realise Sustainable Development.

The Department of Military Veterans team is continuously in consultation with the National Department of Transport counterpart to discuss the finalisation of the strategy

(2) The National Department of Transport's extensive engagements with the public and relevant stakeholders includes military veterans as it is for the country at large. The Military Veterans Advisory Council will also be on board to assist the DMV.



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MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MP

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